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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 351

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

February 11, 2003

An act to add Section ~~5401.12~~ 5089 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 351, as amended, Bermudez. Vehicles: special *interest* license plates: “CAL-PAL” program.

~~Existing law authorizes the owners of certain vehicles to obtain environmental license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles, in lieu of regular license plates, upon application for an original or renewal registration and the payment of fees.~~

~~This bill would authorize the owners of certain vehicles registered with the department to apply for a set of special “CAL-PAL” reflectorized license plates, and the department would be required to issue those special license plates in lieu of regular license plates.~~

~~The bill would require the special “CAL-PAL” reflectorized license plates to be of a distinctive design containing the name “California Police Activities League” and to be available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.~~

~~The bill would require that certain fees imposed for environmental license plates under existing law apply to these special license plates, in addition to the regular fees charged under existing law for the issuance, renewal, replacement, and transfer of license plates. The~~

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates to a person applying for the plates and paying certain fees. The plates contain a distinct design or decal of the participating organization and may be displayed in lieu of regular license plates. Existing law prohibits the department from issuing a special interest license plate until the participating organization has received and submitted to the department not less than 7,500 applications for that particular plate within certain time limitations.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the California Police Activities League, to design and make available for issuance special interest license plates. The bill would require the issuance to be as required under existing law, with a distinctive design containing the name “California Police Activities League.”

The bill would require that the department, after deducting its administrative costs incurred under these provisions, deposit all revenue derived under these provisions, except as specified, in the “CAL-PAL” License Plate Account, which the bill would establish in the General Fund.

The bill would require the Controller to make the funds in the account available, upon appropriation, to the California Police Activities League for expenditure by that organization in support of its programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1.—Section 5101.12 is added to the Vehicle Code,~~
- 2 ~~to read:~~
- 3 ~~5101.12.—(a) A person described in Section 5101 may apply~~
- 4 ~~for a set of special “CAL PAL” reflectorized license plates, and~~
- 5 ~~the department shall issue those special license plates in lieu of~~
- 6 ~~regular license plates.~~
- 7 ~~(b) The special “CAL PAL” reflectorized license plates shall~~
- 8 ~~be of a distinctive design containing the name “California Police~~
- 9 ~~Activities League” and shall be available in a special series of~~
- 10 ~~letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.~~
- 11 ~~(c) The fees for environmental license plates set forth in~~
- 12 ~~Sections 5106 and 5108 apply to these special license plates, in~~
- 13 ~~addition to the regular fees charged for the issuance, renewal,~~
- 14 ~~replacement, and transfer of license plates.~~

~~(d) Notwithstanding Section 5107, the department, after deducting its administrative costs incurred under this section, shall deposit all revenue derived under this section in the ‘CAL-PAL’~~

SECTION 1. Section 5089 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

5089. (a) The department, in consultation with the California Police Activities League, shall design and make available for issuance special interest license plates. The issuance and design shall be as required under this article, with a distinctive design containing the name “California Police Activities League.” A person described in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fees set forth in subdivision (b), may apply for and be issued a set of the special interest license plates described in this subdivision.

(b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration, a renewal of registration, or a transfer or substitution of the license plates, the following additional fees shall be paid for the issuance, renewal, retention, transfer, or substitution of the special interest license plates authorized under this section:

(1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).

(2) For a renewal of registration with the plates, forty dollars (\$40).

(3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars (\$15).

(4) For each substitute or replacement plate, thirty-five dollars (\$35).

(5) In addition, for the issuance of environmental license plates, as defined in Section 5103, with the graphic design described in subdivision (a), the additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108. The additional fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108 shall be deposited in the Environmental License Plate Fund.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b), and after deducting its administrative costs under this section, the department shall deposit the additional revenue derived under this section in the “CAL-PAL” License Plate Account, which is hereby established in the General Fund. Upon appropriation, the Controller shall make the funds in the account available to the

- 1 California Police Activities League for expenditure by that
- 2 organization in support of its programs.

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